WANTS

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THE TOPERA STATE JOURNAL guarantees, every day it is printed, to give a local circula-tion more than double that of any other Tope-ka paper, and by far More than all Other Dalles Combined. This makes this paper the cheapest, as well as the best daily advertis-ing medium in Topeka, the classified advertise-ments below costing but

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SITUATIONS WANTED-FREE.

Are you in need of work? If so, you are at inberty to use these columns for assistance in that direction. While this notice appears the STATE JOURNAL will publish free on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, for Topeka or Kansas people, all notices of "Situations Wanted," not exceeding five lines, or thirty-five words, in length. Provided that all advertisements of this nature are handed in previous to ten o'clock Saturday morning; also on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, all advertising of this class handed in by ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

No advertisements of this nature to be started except on Saturdays and Wednesdays. No ob-ligation is incurred on the part of the advertis er. No worthy and needy man or woman need hesitate to take advantage of this offer. No one in business or having employment is expected to take advantage of it, but all others invited to avail themselves freely.

WANTED-SITUATIONS.

WANTED-A place to dogeneral housework.

WANTED-Work as nurse girl or helper in house, by a girl age 13. Call at 2140 Pill-more st, near 21st.

WANTED-By maidie aged widow tady, po-sition as housekeeper.

WANTED-A place for man and wife either in private family or hotel. Address, C. H. M., care Journal.

WANTED-HELP.

WANTED-A second girl at Dean Mills paugh's, sthand Taylor. Must have refer-

WANTED-Shoe salesman. Address, F. X.

WANTED—An experienced girl for general housework, Small family, 1220 Fillmore, WANTED-Two carpenters at J. Thomas'

WANTED-A Good solicitor, (no experience required.) 704 Kansas ave. H. L. Scars.

WANTED-MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED-By a young lady; a place to take plane and give lessons for board. Call 311 West 6th st.

M ANAGER WANTED—To appoint salesmen to sell the Rapid Dish Washer. Washes and dries the dishes in two minutes without wetting the fingers. \$75 a week and all expenses. Easy position; no capital; no hard work; can make \$100 a week. Address W. P. Harrison & Co., Clerk No. 14, Columbus, Ohio.

WANTED—To hire horse, with privilege of buying, at 1325 Lincoln st. WANTED-Bables to board. 706 West Sixth

W ANTED—To buy a good sized safe, double door preferred. Call Saturday at my office 116 West 6th st. E. B. Merriam.

WANTED-To hire horse for short time; may buy. R. X., Journal office.

WANTED-A one horse closed carriage. Address, stating lowest cash price and where it can be seen. "B. T.," Journal office.

WANTED-To trade good inside Wichita property for Topeka property, farm land or draft horses, Address Edward A. Horner, Topeka, Kansas.

WANTED-A few day or week boarders with room if desired. Inquire 614 Jackson st. WANTED-You to invest any sum with the Savings and Loan association, 110 West 6th. Earns 6 to 12 per cent.

WANTED-Everyone to know that M. E. Lowe removes all dead animals from the city at \$2.50 a head. Tel. 48.

WANTED-Boarders at No. 5, Ross block; firstelass, \$3.59 per week.

WHEN you want groceries or meats come and see our goods and get our prices. We can and will save you money on good goods. No inferior stuff in the house. J. H. Helier, 1002

WANTED-Gasoline stoves to repair at tin shop; 810 Kansas avenue. G. G. Lee. WANTED-Some small real estate loans.

WANTED-Watches, clocks and umbrellas to repair at 7st Kansas ave., upstairs. WANTAD-To move, STORE or ship house Bold goods, freight, etc.
SAIN & SEINNER, 123 E. 6th St.,
MERCHANTS' TRANSFER & STORAGE CO.

WANTED-Oh! you never heard of tin ware so cheap. Hiverside store, 722 Kansas ave. WANTED-You to go to the Riverside store and save your money. 722 Kansas ave.

FOR SALE-PERSONAL PROPERTY

FOR SALE—My phicton, in good condition; price \$40. Can be seen at J. M. Peterson's barn on Jackson st., between 5th and 6th. Mrs. G. M. Seward,

FOR SALE-Ice chest in good condition at half price. 1281 Clay st.

HOUSEHOLD goods are selling this week at the Kendall residence, 1268 Topeka ave. FOR SALE—Ten fresh cows. Inquire at the barn on Curtls st., between Jackson and Van Buren sts., North Topeka.

FOR SALE—At the Topeka Vinegar Works, good berry crates, cheap.

FOR RENT OR SALE Desirable houses in Oakland. P.C. Moore, room 2, 420 Kan. ave. FOR SALE-No. 8 washboller, worth \$1.50, now 850. Riverside store, 722 Kansas ave.

FOR RENT-HOUSES.

FOR RENT-No. 920 Buchanan st. good 5 room house; No. 718 Hancock st., 4 room cottage. Inquire at 11s E. 7th st. Prescott & Co. FOR RENT-A good six room nouse. inquire of Dr. Roby, ils West oth st.

FOR SALE-MISCELLANEOUS. FOR SALE—Deposit stock in Savings and Loan association, 110 West 6th st., pays you 6 per cent upon any sum, withdrawable on de-

FOR SALE—Installment shares in Savings and Loan association, 110 West 5th. Earns 9, 10, 12 per cent.

FOR SALE—Finest meat market in city. Big snap for right man. "L" Journal. FOR SALE—Short time loans at 12 per cent interest. Simon Greenspan. FOR REAL estate or rental property see Benedict & Co., 601 Kansas ave.

COR SALE-Gilt edge first mortgages, 7, 8, 9,

FOR RENT-ROOMS.

FOR RENT-2 rooms, single or ensuite, bath and closet. 309 West 7th st. FOR RENT-Furnished room. 207 East 10th.

FOR RENT-Furnished room with bath, elec-tric light; south exposure. 715 Topeka ave. FOR RENT-Two floors, 30x54 and 38x92, half block from Kansas avenue, sultable for manufacturing purposes. T. D. Lelb, 19 Colum-bian building.

LOST AND FOUND.

L OST-Between Harrison st. and postoffice, a baby's white flammel embroidered shawl. Finder return to 1301 West 10th st. and receive

FOUND-The place to have plumbing done; A. Railen, 808 Kansas ave. Tel. 383.

FOR SALE-REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE-At a sacrifice; house, lot and improvements. 1105 Lawrence st. FOR SALE—Fine 5 room house, bath, gas, mantle, well and elstern. Cost \$3,200; will sell for \$1,700. 718 Jefferson st.

FOR SALE—House and lot with good barn, well and cistern; also a good cow; will sell cheap. Apply at 228 Jefferson st.

FOR SALE—An 8-room house, well, cistern and city water; one lot and a haif. Will sell cheap. Reasons for selling, owner is going to leave the city. Inquire 507 Polk street. FOR SALE-Choice suburban tracts of 5 acres or more, adjoining the city on the west, at prices ranging from \$125 to \$175 per acre. One third cash. W. M. FORBES, Sole Agent

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR EXCHANGE—Carpenter work for horses and cows; work warranted. Address, C. P., this office.

UMBRELLAS covered and repaired. Neat-est, cheapest, largest variety. Wringers repaired. Warren, 409 Kansas avenue. FROM NOW until July 1st, in order to intro-duce our milk, we will sell at our depot, 121 West eth st., fresh milk, 3 cents per quart; skim milk, 6 cents per gailon. Jones & Whitney.

FOR TRADE-Good phaeton for good car-riage; will pay difference; must be new. Emil Uiz, 210 West 6th. Feed store.

6 PER CENT upon deposits left with Savings and Loan association, 110 West 6th. FOR SALE-Tomato plants and cabbage plants; also pansies, thirty cents a dozen, 916 north Harrison street.

HARNESS AND REPAIR WORK.-Harness and shoe shop; patent leather polish for buggy tops; repairs in all kinds of leather goods; shoes hair soled forty cents. E. F. Hen-derson, 118th West Sixth street.

FOR SALE—For 30 days; 2 bottles 2 oz. Hop-kins Flavoring Extracts, Ladies Central Ex-change, 8:9 Kansas avenue.

FOR SERVICE—A registered Holstein bull from Cheney herd at the Fair Grounds, beteen the east and west gates. M. B. WARD, A. M., M. D. 717 KANSAS AVENUE.

Hours: 2 to 5 p. m. Private hospital for women 338 Greenwood avenue.

CARPETS CLEANED by the Amos process are always satisfactory. Leave orders at Ladies' Exchange, 119 West Sixth, H. D. Carr, 513 Polk street, or Amos N. Eshieman, 335 Han-

FOR SPECIAL orders I wish the following real estate loans: \$1,000; \$1,000; \$1,000; \$1,000; \$5.00; \$500; \$600; \$600; \$200. Money here, no delay. A few large loans wanced. I. L. Betzer, 519 Kansas ave., Dudiey's bank.

DRACTICAL PIANO TUNER-Years of fac-WILLIAM DWIGHT CHURCH-Analytical and Metallurgical Chemist and Ass Examination of Inneral deposits and in Offices: Denver, Colo., Prescott, Ariza.

MRS. E. K. LILLY, nurse, can be found at

MONEY TO LOAN.

\$20,000 to loan on city property. \$5,000 up. Money to fill all good loans. Liberal priviledges to the borrower. G. P. Kincade, No. 409 Kansas ave.

MUNEY to loan on bonds, mortgages or per-

SIMON GREENSPAN. GOOD notes and mortgages bought and sold. PARTIES wishing a sate and paying invest-ment for their money, call at once on S. M. Wood & Co. 534 Kansas ave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I AM a candidate for probate judge, subject to the Republican primaries. Rindly remember me.

John L. Gur.

I AM a candidate for the nomination for Probate Judge before the Republican primaries.

G. N. ELLIOTT.

I am a candidate for Probate Judge, subject to the Republican primaries, 1894.

THOMAS H. BAIN.

WE are authorized to announce that Aaron P. Jetmore is a candidate for the office of County Attorney, subject to the decision of the voters at the coming Republican primaries. I am a candidate for clerk of the district court, subject to election. J. L. Scorr.

I HEREBY announce myself for second term as county attorney. H. C. SAFFORD.

I AM a candidate for cierk of the district court, subject to the Republican nomination.

JOSIAH JORDAN.

AM a candidate for clerk of the district court. A. F. CHRSNEY. HALE RITCHIE, candidate for clerk of the district court, subject to the Republican

L AM a candidate for clerk of the district court subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

E. M. COCKREGE.

Dr. A. M. Callahan is a candidate for cierk of district court, subject to the Republican nom-mation, 1894.

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS of Shaw-To the Republican Voters of Shawnee County:—I will be a candidate for the
office of clerk of the district cours of Shawnee
county, at the Republican primaries this spring.
I have lived in Kansas all my life, always
worked zealously for the success of the Republican party, and have never before been a candidate for office. It chosen for this responsible
position, I promise the most efficient and faithful attention to the dulies of the office.

H. J. Adams, Attorney,
111 East Eighth St., Topeka

I ANNOUNCE myself as a candidate for the office of Probate Judge, subject to the decision of the Republican voters and the Republican primary.

EDWIN A. AUSTIN. I am a candidate for Probate Judge, subject to the decision of the Republicans of Shaw-J. G. Wood.

nee county. I AM a candidate for nomination before the Republican primaries for Probate Judge. R. H. C. SEARLE.

I AM a candidate for Probate Judge, subject, of course, to a nomination on the Republican county ticket. G. W. CARY.

Kansas City and Back \$1,50. Via Santa Fe Route; Sunday only, June 3rd. Excursion train leaving A. T. & S. F. depot 8:20 a. m. sharp. Inquire of Rowley Bros., W. C. Garvey or Arnold

On Tuesday, May 29, the Great Rock Island route will sell tickets to all points in Texas and return at one fare for the round trip; tickets good for thirty days with certain stop-over privileges. H. O. GARVEY,

City Ticket and Passenger Agent, 601 Kansas Avenue, Toreka, Kas. D. Holmes, druggist, 731 Kansas ave.

LEGAL NOTICES.

[First pablished on the 24th day of May, 1894, in the official city paper.]

NOTICE.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, May 23, 1894.

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereoy given that we, the undersigned, residents and freeholders of the city of Topeka, 8. Barnes, T. L. Stringham and C. H. Titus, were duly appointed by the mayor and council of the city of Topeka, and having qualified as appraisers as provided by law, under ordinance No. 1640, approved August 19, 1893, establishing Sewer District No. 16, and described in said ordinance, as follows, to-wit:

Beginning as the center of the intersection of Tenth avenue and Jefferson street, thence southerly along the center line of Jefferson street to the north line of Eleventh street to the center of the Shunganunga creek thence easterly along the center of the Shunganunga creek to the south line of Eleventh street; thence westerly along the south line of Eleventh street; thence westerly along the south line of Eleventh street to the center of Madison street; thence southerly along the center of Madison street; thence westerly along the south line of lot 379 on Madison street and along said south line produced, and along the south line of lot 380 on Monroe street, and along the south line of lot 380 on Monroe street, and along said south line produced to the center of Eleventh street; thence westerly along the center of Eleventh street; thence westerly along the center of Eleventh street; thence hortherly along the center of Eleventh street; thence here of Tenth avenue to the place of beginning in the center of Jefferson street; all within the city of Topeka, Shawnee county, Kansas.

And also to make a true vanation and appraisement of all the lots, pieces and parceis of

Within the city of Topeka, Shawnee county.

Kansas.

And also to make a true valuation and appraisement of all the lots, pieces and parcels of ground situated in said Sewer District No. 16.

And notice is hereby further given that we will meet as such appraisers on the 31st day of May, 1804, at 9 o'clock a. m. of said day at the southeast corner of Tenth avenue and Quincy street in said sewer district for the purpose of ascertaining the value and making an appraisement of the same.

S. Barnes,

T. L. Streingham,

C. H. Titos,

Appraisers.

[First published in the official paper, May 28, 1894.]

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, L Topeka, Kansas.

There will be a special meeting of the council of the city of Topeka, June 4, 1834, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of hearing any and all complaints that may be made as to the assess complaints that may be made as to the assess-ment made by the appraisers as per their report now on file in the city clerk's office of said city, against all lots, pieces and parcels of ground liable for the cost of opening and extending Locust street as provided in Ordinance No. 1706, approved April 4, 1894; and also to hear any and all complaints that may be made as to the validi-ty and fairness of the assessment of special taxes to be assessed and levied on all lots, pieces and parcels of ground liable for such as-sessment.

Witness my hand and the official seal of the city of Topeka, Kansas, hereto attached this 23rd day of May, 1894.

T. W. HARRISON, Mayor. [SEAL] Attest: S. S. McFadden, City Cierk.

[First published in the official paper May 28, 1894.]

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, }

There will be a special meeting of the council of the city of Topeka, June 4th, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of hearing any and all complaints that may be made as to the assessment made by the appraisers as per their report now on file in the office of the city clerk of said city against all lots, pieces and parcels of ground liable for the cost of extending Third street and opening the alley in the block between Second and Third streets, and Taylor and Western avenue, as provided in Ordinance No. 1707, approved April 4, 1894, and also to hear any and all complaints that may be made as to the validity and fairness of the assessment of special taxos to be assessed and levied on all lots, pieces and parcels of ground liable for such assessment.

ment.
Witness my hand and the official seal of the city of Topeka hereto attacted this 25th day of May, 1894.
T. W. HABRISON, Mayor.
[SEAL.] Attest: S. S. McFADDEN, City Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, } Topeka, Kansas.

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Witness my hand and the official seal of the city of Topeka hereto attached this 25th day of May, 1894.

T. W. Harrison, Mayor. [SEAL.] Attest: S.S. McFadden, City Clerk.

SURGEONS.

DR. G. A. TULL. Office 900 East Fourth Street. HENRY W. ROBY, M. D. | SURGEON.

S. E. SHELDON, M.D., SURGERY AND DISEASES OF WOMEN. Office: No. 720 Kansas Ave. J. C. McClintock, A. M., M. D. Frances Storrs, A. B., M. D.

McCLINTOCK & STORRS. Practice limited to SURGERY and DISEASES OF WOMEN. 386 Kansas avenue. Office hours, to 4 p. m. DR. MARY E. STEWART, 634 Harrison St., corner of 7th St. OBSTETRICS AND DISEASES OF WOMEN.

Hours: 10 to 12 a.m., 2 to 4 p.m. TDA C. BARNES, M. D. Office and residence, 732 Kansas Avenue. Office Hours—9 a, m. to 11 a. m and 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. Phone 92.

MAGGIE L. MCCREA, M.D., 782 KANSAS AVENUE. OFFICE HOURS: S to 16 a. m., 12:30 to 3 p.m., 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

DR. EVA HARDING, 709 KANSAS AVENUE.

DR. J. K. MULVANE—
Special attention given to chronic diseases.
Office open all hours. 600 Kas. Ave. STELLA KIRBY, B. S. M. D., Office and Residence, 706 West Sixth St.

Office Hours: 2-5 and 7-8 p. m. Telephone 123. L. A. RYDER, M. D.,
OFFICE and residence cor. Gordon street and
Central ave., North Topeka. Phone 214.
Uses the Brinkerhoff system of Rectal treatment, a successful and palniess treatment for
piles, fistula, fishure, ulceration, etc.

DENTISTRY.

GEO. P. ASETON, D.D. S.,

DENTIST. N. W. corner Eighth and Kansas avenues,

THROUGH SHEETS OF FIRE.

Children Dropped Off a Burning Build-ing Into Blankets Below.

NEW YORK, May 31 .- A terrific explosion followed by a fire occurred at 4:80 o'clock this morning in a distillery on the ground floor of a double tenement house No. 129 Suffolk street, resulting in the death of Lizzie Yaega, aged four years, and seriously injuring four others. Twenty families tenanted the building.

The explosion and fire cut them off from the stairway. Fifteen children were thrown from upper windows. Some of the old persons escaped by creeping on the narrow ledge of the second story to the window of the next house. Two men living in the house in the rear of the burning building got a blanket and used it as a net in which to catch the childrea dropping from the windows above. There were fifteen dropped in all. The children had to be dropped through a sheet of flame which was leaping from

the side of the building between the windows and the blanket below in the rear yard. After the children had all safely been dropped, the older ones jumped. Hyman Ehrenwost and his son made the perilous jump in safety but Mrs. Ehrenwost was quite heavy, broke the blanket by her great weight and she was severely in-

jured The firemen arrived at this time and set to work to save the rest of the occupants of the building. Chlef Abearne found little Lizzie Yaega on the third floor unconscious. She died a few moments after being removed to the hos-

pital. Meyer Deitrich aged 41 was badly burned in attempting to get out through the lower hall. Several persons on the top floor who were overcome by smoke had to be carried out by the firemen. The damage to the building is estimated at \$15,000. Three persons were burned to death in the same building two years ago.

A CHAIR FOR THE JUDGE.

A Pleasant Variation in the Business of the District Court. Captain J. G. Waters this afternoon appeared before Judge Hazen in the district court room, and in behalf of the jury which has served during the present term of court, made a speech pre-senting Judge Hazen with a handsome

chair. The chair is upholstered in leather and

is very valuable. Judge Hazen has since he has been on the bench tried to discourage the practice of juries presenting the court with reso-lutions and making the judge presents at the end of every term. In a speech to one jury he told the members of the jury that they were empanelled to work and that was what they were expected to do, instead of saying nice things to the court. The talk had its effect and that jury adjourned without even thanking judge. Such an astonishing thing had never happened before in the history of Shawnee county.

FRAZER STILL RISING.

Floods Destroy Bundreds of the Best

Farms in the Valley. VANCOUVER, B. C., May 31.—The Frazer river is still rising and the indica-tions are that the floods will be even more disastrous than the great flood of 1882.

eight inches of the high water mark of that great inundation. Though the whole valley is under water, the Frazer having spread out into a vast lake, the tide is crawling up at the rate of an inch every three hours. At Nicomen Island, forty-four fine farms are entirely under

water. Three Bad Girls Arrested.

Three little girls from school—the worst school in Topeka—were arrested this afternoon by Sergeant Steele and taken to the city prison in the hurry-up wagon, charged with disorderly conduct. They are Mary Wade, Anna Bailey and Sarah Alexander, all colored. The depraved women were drinking beer in the rear portion of the city park. They finally became drunk and gave an awkward but hilarious can-can for the benefit of the tramps and loafers that infest the locality.

The Knights of Columbia. The supreme lodge of the Knights of Columbia closed its annual national session on Tuesday evening in this city. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Supreme commander, Geo. W. Reed; supreme recorder, W. J. Stagg; supreme treasurer, Judge A. L. Redden, of Eldorado; and supreme medical director, Dr. J. C. McClintock. Topeka was very fortunate in getting so many offices. Gov. Riddle, of Minnespolis, Lawyer Joseph E. Riggs, of Lawrence, and T. A. Beck, of this city, secured chairmanships on important committees. There are 140 Knights of Columbia lodges in Kansas, of which three

are in Topeka. Shunganunga as a Dump. At the meeting of the city council Monday night Mr. Fulton of the Fifth ward will offer a resolution asking for the appointment of a special committee to confer with the county commissioners for the purpose of having removed the great pile of dirt and debris that is dumped into the Shunganunga at the fair grounds. This debris drifts down stream and makes it unpleasant for the

people in Walnut grove and Parkdale. The Vigilant is Off. NEW YORK, May 81.—The cup-de-fender Vigilant is all ready for sea and was towed out of the Erie basin at 9:30 this morning. Howard Gould, Captain Haff and some relatives and some of the crew went down the bay in a tug to see

the yacht off. Gettysburg Battlefield. WASHINGTON, May 31,-Gen. Sickles introduced and the house today passed a

resolution instructing the secretary of war to do what is, necessary under the

act of March 3, 1893, for the preservation of the Gettysburg battlefield. Coal Supply Very Scant. DUBUQUE, Iowa, May 31.—The effects of the coal strike are seriously felt here among the railroads and manufacturing institutions. The Illinois Central railroad, to husband its supply, has taken off

one train on each division. Dealers here

have very little coal on hand. William Kimball, an old, short colored man, better known as "Glick," because the only time he scratched the straight Republican ticket was to vote for Mr. Olick in 1882, was arrested this afternoon on a warrant sworn to by his wife which chrrges him with assault. Mrs. Kimball says her husband hit her with a broom and made her nose bleed. The case is in Justice Furry's court.



WAS young and pretty, and an heiress; only child of Judge De Vere, of a famous Southern family. course, I was vain and spoiled; who would not be -reared as 1 had been? But, I have never been guilty of a despicable ac-

tion but once in my life, and all the remaining days of my existence will not be enough in which to prove my sorrow and re-

It was all on account of Eva Carroll's wedding. I was to be first bridesmaid, and Susie Parker was to be the second. My cousin, Frank Forest, was chosen for her attendant. At first there was no one selected for me; really, there was no one good enough, I thought, in all the big, oldfashioned Southern country town of Dunford. Why! I was Judge De Vere's only daughter! The very first in the land might be accounted my inferior. So I reasoned in my silly pride and arrogance, little dreaming of the devious ways through which Fate was

guiding my feet. The day appointed for the wedding was only a week distant; still no one had ventured to suggest a suitable attendant for me. Susie and I, together with a dozen friends, had come to the great old-fashioned countryhouse which was Eva's home, in the midst of a vast sugar plantation; and here we were to remain until after the wedding.

"But how can it come off at all," weiled Susie, madly, "if nobody is good enough to serve as best man?"

Laurence Perth was the name of the bridegroom. He was a stranger-a Northerner-and the friend who was to have been best man had at the last moment succumbed to our national scourge, la grippe, and Perth was at his wits' end for a substitute,

"Somebody entirely perfect—to stand with Edith," the bride-elect informed bim.

To my intense astonishment and

disgust, he announced his determina-

tion to ask Cecil Ray. Cecil Ray indeed! Why he was almost a stranger in Dunford; and besides—was only a drawing master. He had taught a class for several months, and I was his least successful pupil. He had endeavored to guide me, to correct my crude work, and teach me something of his art, but The river has already risen within I had unmercifully snubbed him; treatday he had informed me that I was not to mend my ways, he would dispense with my attendance at the drawing

> class. Of course, Lawrence Perth knew nothing of the feud between Ray and myself; and he had extended an invitation to the young man-who had completely captivated Perth's fancy-before Eva could explain the true state of the case. To our intense surprise, knowing his dislike for me, Cecil Ray consented. I was furious; but what could I do?

> "I am tempted to withdraw altogether," I cried angrily, when the truth came out, "I cannot endure it; Mr. Perth must be out of his mind." "Oh-please-please Edith, do not

will only be for a few moments, and then-you will be free. Do not let anything occur to mar the occasiondear Edith, please!" So, what could I do but consent?



"CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?" Mr. Cecil Ray know his place before 1 was done with him.

The days flew by, and to our dismay just bfoare the wedding day we were visited by a fearful rainstorm; rain, rain, rain! It was too provoking. It was enough to make one wild. No cessation-no let up. The roads were speedily rendered impassable; the number of guests would necessarily be diminished; and, worse than all-to me-the flowers which I was to wear-pure white hyacinthswere at home in my father's conservatory-five long miles away. My dress would be nothing-my costume spoiled without them; so I argued. Nothing else would be suitable; no other flowers could possibly be worn with my pretty white lace dress. I was perverse, obstinate, ridiculous. I can see it all now, with a keen feeling of shame at my own silly pride and foolish vanity.

"But, my dear Edith," remonstrated

Susie Parker, "since you cannot obtain the hyscinths-for the roads are horrible, and there is the river to cross, and the bridge is dilapidatedyou must give up and be patient. After all, since the weather is so dreadful, it will spoil the festivities. and only a few people will venture out. Do be reconciled, Edie dear, and wear something else-lilies, for instance."

"Just what you are going to wear," I pouted. "No, indeed. Sue, if I can not have my pretty white hyacinthsthe gardener at home has raised them on purpose for this occasion-I don't want any other flower. Oh, if I knew of any one with enough spirit to ride over to my home and get me those hyacinths."

"What will you give in payment?" asked a low, musical voice, and, glancing up, I saw Cecil Ray standing near. "Twenty-five dollars-cash," I cried. "Do you know of any possible way to

obtain them?" "Yes; I will go."

"You?" A tone of scorn in my voice. His deep, dark eyes flashed, the firm lips shut close together for an instant, then he replied:

"Even I, Miss De Vere. But I must stipulate my own terms-set my own price."

"Fifty dollars?" I suggested seernfully. It was worth it to look the very fairest and sweetest at the wedding;

ay, even to eclipse the fair bride. His face grew pale, and his eyes flashed with anger. "My own terms," he repeated; and all the spectators gathered around to

witness the unique scene. "My terms are these." His eyes were resting full upon my own; I felt my face grow pale with

apprehension. "I will ride to Judge De Vere's plantation," the sweet, low voice went on slowly, "and bring you the hyscinths, or lay my life down in the attempt. But in payment, I demanda kiss.

Silence, dead silence, in the room; then I faced him, my head erect, my eyes blazing.
"Insolent! Audacious!" was all that

I could say; for my voice falled me, and I burst into tears. "Nonsense, Edith," cried Susie Parker, lightly, "what a fuss to make about a single kiss. I'll wager the day will come when you will be willing to kiss Cecil Ray," she added, in a

whisper. But, of course, I ignored her absurd insinuation. A little later, through the driving rain and howling wind, Cecil Ray rode away from the Carroll plantation upon his own big, black horse, Selim. I heard Laurence Perth and my Cousin Frank discussing the

matter in tones of unmingled contempt-for me. "Of all conceited, vain, frivolous girls, my Cousin Edith De Vere takes the lead," I heard Frank exclaim, angrily; "here, for a silly whim of hers, ed him coldly, insolently, till one a good man is about to risk his life. For, Laurence, did you know that the well bred, and that until I was ready river bridge is unsafe? He hardly got over it-yes, I watched him, expecting every moment to see the horse plunge through the rotten planksand I am very anxious and uneasy over Ray's mad exploit. I thought he

had more sense." All that day I wandered about like an unquiet ghost. What if anything should happen-any evil befall Cecil Ray? I would be his murderess. Oh, how I suffered! Long years have passed since then, but I can recall it

all now, every little pang. To-morrow would be Eva's weddingday. The sun set in a great sullen ball of fire, for the rain had ceased at last. Night came down, but still Cecil did not return. Alone in my refuse!" pleaded Eva. "Just think, it room I was wrestling with an awful horror, and a strange, wild tumula filled my heart. I knew the truth at last. I realized past all doubting that I loved Cecil Ray, the poor drawing-master. When the black shades of night stole down over the earth, I wrapped myself in a water-proof cloak and went out upon the gallery. Tramp, tramp, tramp, came the sound of a horse's flying feet, and a moment later Selim appeared, all covered with

> unconscious. He was dead-the man I loved-and I had killed him. I opened my eyes to find my head pillowed upon some one's breast, then I started up with a low moan: "Cecil!" I faltered, "my God! I have

With a wild shrick I fell to the floor

foam and without his master.

killed him-and I love him!" And then for the first time I became aware that it was Cecil himself who was holding me in his arms. I reached up and kissed him full upon the lips. "Cecil!" I whispered, "can you ever forgive me?"

He strained me close to his heart, and in that embrace I read all-forgiveness, love, heaven itself. He had come down the river in a boat, first sending Selim home, knowing that the sagacious animal would find his way. But Cecil was safe, and I cared not for the flowers that he had brought me; I only wanted him. And we had been betrothed for weeks before I discovered that Cecil Ray was the only son of the governor of a neighboring state who had come to the country for his health, and with a determination to prove that he could be liked and sought as a friend, even where his true position was unknown. And I had thought to teach him a lesson, little dreaming that he would teach me the lesson of love.

Severe Rebuke.

"Minnie, you and Tessie mustn's talk about slappin' each other's faces,' said the eldest of the little girls, chidingly. "The neighbors 'll think this is a grand opry company."

An English judge has decided that at a marriage ceremony if the church doors are closed or one witness absent the marriage is void.